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LABOR SECRETARY RAMSEY RECOGNIZES RIVER METALS RECYCLING'S COMMITMENT TO WORKPLACE SAFETY

NEWPORT, Ky. (**Feb. 3, 2016**) – Kentucky Labor Cabinet Secretary Derrick Ramsey was on hand yesterday at <u>River Metals Recycling</u> (RMR) to recognize the company's exemplary workplace safety record and recertification into the Safety and Health Achievement Recognition Program (<u>SHARP</u>).

"River Metals Recycling has demonstrated their commitment to maintaining a culture of workplace safety, which is why the Commonwealth of Kentucky is proud to celebrate this achievement with them," said Sec. Ramsey. "I'm privileged to be here to recognize them for this great achievement."

Based in Crescent Spring, Ky., River Metals Recycling processes ferrous and non-ferrous metals and is the state's largest scrap recycler. With more than 250 employees in four states, the Newport location was the first to be certified into SHARP for the state of Kentucky.

Following Secretary Ramsey's remarks, RMR President Bob Eviston, thanked the employees of the Newport facility for their contribution to the company's success with their commitment to safety.

"As you know, this honor is a result of your ongoing personal commitment to working safely, as well as looking out for your fellow teammates, our customers, our suppliers, our vendors and our visitors to the recycling facility every day. Because of your continuing hard work, dedication and focus to working safely, you are the first recycling facility in the Commonwealth of Kentucky to receive SHARP recertification. This is a significant achievement and we are all extremely proud."

SHARP Awards are based on the Occupational Safety & Health Administration's (OSHA) On-site Consultation Program which provides free and confidential safety and

occupational health advice to small and medium-sized businesses across the country. While companies must meet the Kentucky Occupational Safety and Health Program (KY OSH) standards for the program, the Kentucky Labor Cabinet, including the Kentucky Occupational Safety and Health Division of Education & Training, presents the award. Kentucky has operated its own federally-approved Occupational Safety and Health program for more than 40 years.

KY OSH consultants work with employers to identify workplace hazards, provide advice on compliance with OSHA standards, and assist in establishing injury and illness prevention programs. Priority is given to high-hazard worksites in industries such as manufacturing and construction. River Metals Recycling becomes just one of 24 recipients across Kentucky designated with this elite title out of 115,000 eligible business establishments throughout the state.

For more information on the KY OSH program, click <u>HERE</u>.

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